

District Judge Daybook Entry

United States District Court - Southern District of West Virginia at Beckley

Date: 4/30/2024 Case Number: 5:22-cr-00182
 Case Style: USA vs. Christopher J. Smyth
 Type of hearing: Criminal Jury Trial
 Before the Honorable: 2517-Volk
 Court Reporter: Amanda Pickens Courtroom Deputy: Sydney Johnston
 Attorney(s) for the Plaintiff or Government:
 David Zisserson, Kavitha Bondada, Andrew Ascencio, Erik Goes
 Attorney(s) for the Defendant(s):
 Isaac Forman, Mike Hissam
 Law Clerk: Sarah Fox
 Probation Officer:

Court Times

Start Time	End Time	Court Time Description
9:22 AM	10:01 AM	Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings
10:08 AM	10:46 AM	Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings
11:11 AM	12:00 PM	Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings
1:20 PM	2:24 PM	Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings
2:52 PM	4:54 PM	Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings

Time in court: 5 hours and 12 minutes. Court actively conducting trial proceedings/Contested proceedings

Courtroom Notes

CRIMINAL JURY TRIAL - DAY TWO – April 30, 2024

Scheduled Start 9:00 a.m.

Actual Start 9:22 a.m.

Defendant present and in person by counsel.

Court addresses matters outside of jury presence.

Court brings jury in at 9:34 a.m.

Direct continues by Mr. Zisserson of Rose Sims.

Gov't Exh 52 marked/admitted.

Cross by Mr. Hissam.

Redirect by Mr. Zisserson.

U.S. calls Rebecca Lovejoy-Buzzo; oath given.

Direct by Mr. Zisserson.

Court takes a recess at 10:01 a.m.

Court resumed at 10:08 a.m.

Direct continues by Mr. Zisserson of Rebecca Lovejoy-Buzzo.

Gov't Exh 193 marked, 7, 106 marked/admitted.

Cross by Mr. Forman.

Court takes a recess at 10:46 a.m.

Court resumed at 11:11 a.m.

Cross continues by Mr. Forman of Rebecca Lovejoy-Buzzo.

Redirect by Mr. Zisserson.

Gov't calls Justin Winter; oath given.

Direct by Ms. Bondada.

Gov't Exh 183 marked and published for demonstrative purposes.

Gov't exh 145, 175-1, 158, 159, 160, 115 marked/admitted.
Court takes a recess at 12:00 p.m.

Court resumed at 1:20 p.m.
Court takes up matters outside of jury presence.
Court brings in the jury at 1:20 p.m.
Direct continues by Ms. Bondada of Mr. Winter.
Gov't Exh 162, 163, 167, 166, 169, 129, 130, 174, 102, 101 marked/admitted.
Court takes a recess at 2:24 p.m.

Court resumed at 2:52 p.m.
Direct continues by Ms. Bondada of Mr. Winter.
Gov't Exh 166-1, 100-1, 182, 171 marked/admitted.
Cross by Mr. Hissam.
Redirect by Ms. Bondada.
U.S. calls Patrick Rutten; oath given.
Direct by Mr. Ascencio.
Gov't Exh 195 marked.
Cross by Mr. Forman.
Redirect by Mr. Ascencio.
U.S. calls Timothy Lupardus; oath given.
Direct by Mr. Zisserson.
Gov't Exh 97, 98 marked/admitted.
U.S. calls Lori Mills; oath given.
Direct by Mr. Zisserson.
Court excuses jury at 4:53.
Court addresses matters outside of jury.
Court recessed at 4:54 p.m.